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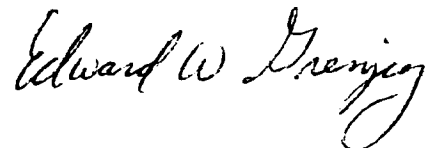
Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I would like to tell you how I feel about the Microsoft antitrust case. I am very glad to see that a settlement has finally been reached in this seemingly endless and money-wasting lawsuit. However, given that there were court-appointed mediators involved in the settlements, I don't see how there is even an issue that the settlement does not serve the public interest. I think Microsoft has served the public interest from the very beginning. 99 percent of America's computer users use Microsoft products and are happy with them. With the settlement, people who are not happy with Microsoft products will have more freedom to use other products. If that is not serving the public interest, I don't know what is.

Granted, Microsoft did dominate the market, but that happened because their products were better than any others' available. Under the settlement, competitors will receive the internal interfaces to Microsoft's Windows operating system, and be able to modify Windows to promote non-Microsoft products. The way the settlement is now, Microsoft is already handing over too much to their undeserving competitors in order to "serve the public interest".

I am retired and extensively use computers at home. I use Microsoft software in nearly all of my computer activities. However, I am glad to see that the settlement will make it easier for people to use non-Microsoft products if they so desire. This lawsuit has been going on for too long a time and this settlement is a good end. Please maintain the settlement and allow our economy and the IT industry to move forward. Enough is enough already.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward W. Grenzig". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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